

Mail to No. 204 (G.R.) Squadron

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Flying Accidents

THE Air Ministry regrets to announce the following accidents:—
F/O. Mervyn Seymour Bocquet lost his life in an accident which occurred at Uxbridge, Middlesex, on February 4, to an aircraft of No. 111 (F.) Squadron, Northolt, Ruislip, Middlesex. F/O. Bocquet was the pilot and sole occupant of the aircraft.

P/O. Alfred Alexander Devany lost his life in an accident which occurred near Brough, Yorkshire, on February 7, to an aircraft of No. 72 (Fighter) Squadron, Church Fenton, near Tadcaster, Yorkshire. P/O. Devany was sole occupant of the aircraft.

Air Force List

THE February issue of the *Air Force List* has now been published. It can be purchased (price 4s.) from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses: Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 120, George Street, Edinburgh; 2, York Street, Manchester; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 15, Donegall Square, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

New Scottish Aerodromes

NEW Service aerodromes are to be constructed near Kinloss and Lossiemouth, in Moray. A number of farms have been acquired, and it is understood that the two aerodromes will be of 445 and 500 acres respectively.

Award of Flight Cadetships

THE Air Ministry announces that Ex-Aircraft Apprentices C. Light, P. J. M. Nettleton, E. W. Padfield and C. Warren, from No. 1 School of Technical Training (Apprentices), Halton, and T. Thomas, from the Electrical and Wireless School, Cranwell, have been selected for cadetships at the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell, on the result of the examinations held on completion of their three years' training as aircraft apprentices.

The Viscount Wakefield Scholarships.—These scholarships, valued

at £75 each, have been awarded to Flt. Cadet E. W. Padfield, from the ex-aircraft apprentices from No. 1 School of Technical Training (Apprentices), Halton, and to Flt. Cadet J. G. C. Salmon, son of the late Air Chief Marshal Sir W. G. H. Salmon, an open competition entrant.

The Hyde-Thomson Memorial Prize.—This prize, valued at approximately £29, has been awarded to Flt. Cadet T. Thomas, the ex-aircraft apprentice from the Electrical and Wireless School, Cranwell.

An Equipment Branch Reserve

A NEW branch of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve is to be established to provide a reserve of equipment officers. That Branch provides the organisation for maintaining Air Force units of all types with the wide range of equipment and supplies which they require.

Candidates must be between their twenty-fifth and fortieth birthdays, be physically fit, and must have had not less than five years' business or industrial experience in the employment of one or more firms of standing. Recruitment will be limited, at present, to candidates who are able to attend in Central London for instruction, and enquiries should be sent to the Secretary, Air Ministry (S.7.e.), Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

The initial period of service is five years, and officers will have the opportunity of extending their service at the end of that period.

Training will take place, so far as possible, at times which do not conflict with the officers' civil employment. These courses will normally be held at the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve London Town Centre, Staffordshire House, Store Street, Tottenham Court Road, W.C.1, but as a temporary arrangement they will be held at the Air Ministry, Adastral House, Kingsway, W.C.2. Officers will be required to attend at times, so far as possible, convenient to themselves for twelve working days' continuous annual training at a R.A.F. unit. During this period of annual training and when officers are called up for R.A.F. service in an emergency, pay and allowances (where admissible) will be issued at the rates applicable to officers serving in the Equipment Branch of the regular Air Force. Provision will be made for the refund of reasonable travelling expenses incurred in connection with training generally, and an allowance will also be paid towards other out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attendance for non-continuous training. Officers who have been confirmed in their appointment and have attended for the required training and have otherwise complied with the regulations will be eligible to receive a retaining fee of £15 at the end of each year of service. Officers will receive an initial outfit allowance of £25.

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General Duties Branch

The following Flight Lieutenants are promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader (February 1):—E. Coleman, D.F.M., J. S. Dewar, D. H. F. Barnett, G. R. Montgomery, C. E. Hartley, H. M. Pearson, L. F. Sinclair, G. D. Emms, O. I. Gilson, H. D. McGregor, E. A. Jones, P. G. Thomson, H. C. Parker, T. W. G. Eady, G. E. Sampson, N. A. Tait, R. W. P. Collings, G. N. E. Tindal-Carill-Worsley, C. V. Howes, H. L. Messiter, G. B. Keily, J. A. H. Louden, P. L. P. Maret. Flt. Lt. (Acting Sqn. Ldr.) F. H. A. Harrison (Supplementary List) (Capt., R.A.R.O.) is promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader (October 25, 1937); Flt. Lt. J. P. Domville, M.B.E. (Supplementary List) (Lt., R.A.R.O.) is promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader (January 1).

The following Flying Officers are promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant on the dates stated:—P. H. Gibbings (January 6), F. D. Nugent (January 7), D. G. Stokes, E. E. Vielle, P. J. A. Riddell, J. E. Kirk, R. J. Burrough, R. C. F. Lister, C. L. Y. Wright (January 28).

Wing Cdr. W. E. G. Bryant, M.B.E., is granted the acting rank of Group Captain (unpaid) whilst employed as Air Attaché, Tokyo (January 30).

The following Flying Officers relinquish the acting rank of Flight Lieutenant (January 16):—A. R. Fane de Salis, F. M. Smith.

Flt. Lt. S. E. Mackenzie ceases to be seconded for service as Aide-de-Camp to the Governor of Northern Rhodesia (January 26).

Equipment Branch

Flt. Lt. J. F. Young, M.B.E., M.M., is promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader (February 1).

Accountant Branch

Flt. Lt. J. L. Armstrong is promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader (February 1).

Chaplains Branch

The following are granted short service commissions with the relative rank of Squadron Leader with effect from January 18:—The Rev. C. W. A. Noble, B.A.; the Rev. C. E. Warrington.

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Reserve of Air Force Officers General Duties Branch

The following are granted commissions as Flight Lieutenants in Class C with effect from the dates stated:—J. G. Argles (November 1, 1936); Capt. B. Hobson, M.B.E. (R.A.R.O.) (December 13, 1937).

F/O. H. J. Forster is granted the honorary rank of Flight Lieutenant (December 10, 1937).

The following relinquishes his commission on appointment to



MORE BADGES: No. 87 (Fighter) Sqn. : A serpent reversed head reguardant and tail embowed ; No. 99 (Bomber) Sqn. : A puma salient ; No. 142 (Bomber) Sqn. : A winged sphinx ; No. 608 (North Riding) (Fighter) Sqn. : A falcon's leg, brased, belled and jessed ; Royal Air Force Staff College : A hawk close.